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Leaders rally community on \$49 million bond issue



By Evan White, The Panther

Fight for the cause: Prairie View students and the surrounding community gather at Jones Elementary School to learn about a \$49 million bond affecting Waller County schools.

By Jerrell Allen
Online Editor

A political action rally was held Tuesday for members of the Waller County community in the Jones Elementary School gymnasium to discuss the controversy surrounding the recent school bond election.

The bond election, which is currently being challenged by Mayor Frank Jackson and Justice of the Peace DeWayne Charleston, was held in May 2007, and allocated a total of \$49 million to Waller County schools.

The controversy arose from the allocation of funds for Jones Elementary School, which sits on Prairie View's campus. Several community leaders have accused the school board of intentionally holding the election at a time when Prairie View students would be on summer vacation and disenfranchising the

students who would be unable to vote.

"This is an unjust system that our people will eventually have to inherit," said Jackson. "We are essentially fighting a legacy of discrimination."

Jones Elementary School, which was originally constructed in 1957, received only \$220,000 of the \$49 million, which was allocated to Waller schools. Among the new plans for the school district are a \$17 million stadium for Waller High School and \$17 million for a new elementary school.

The gymnasium at Jones Elementary does not have air conditioning, and the band hall, which is a small building located across a field from the main building of the school, resembles more of a tool shed than a musical training facility.

"This has been a race issue from the start," said Gloria Armstrong, one of the local members of the community who showed up with her family to support the community

leaders. "The school board just doesn't want to let students at Prairie View vote."

Andre Evans, the SGA president, spoke at the event, stressing the importance of being politically active and encouraging students to register to vote.

Michael Wolf, mayor of Hempstead, came to show support along with state representatives Al Edwards and Sylvester Turner.

"Our goal is to teach young people how to fight this battle," said Jackson, urging students to get involved in the community as well as in national causes.

This rally comes only two weeks after Charleston was arrested at Jones Elementary while attempting to photograph the school. He was charged with resisting arrest and criminal trespass and had bail set at \$750 and \$500 respectively. Warrants were served for his arrest Sept. 24 and Charleston turned himself in. He was released Sept. 25 after posting bonds.

Miss Prairie View holds program on traditions

By Dontae McCray
Panther Staff

Miss Prairie View A&M University 2007-2008, Jamie Jackson, held her first event Thursday, Sept. 27, in the electrical engineering building.

Titled "Reality Awareness: Celebrating the Traditions of Prairie View A&M University," the program started at 7 p.m. and began with a prayer from Christiana Harris, first attendant of the Miss Prairie View A&M University Court.

The welcome and occasion duties were handled by Miss Prairie View and Mr. Prairie View A&M University 2007-2008, Mark A. Williams II.

The guest speaker for the evening was Frank Jackson, the university's governmental affairs officer and mayor of Prairie View.

Mayor Jackson's speech centered around three main objectives: the collective

responsibility for everyone in the Prairie View school community, self determination to believe that students can do anything, and lifting the veil of society to reach true potential.

The mayor discussed how Prairie View was the first state school to allow women in 1879.

He also discussed how Wilhelmina Delco and Dr. Alvin Thomas fought for the university in Austin to get Prairie View the funding it rightfully deserved.

Mayor Jackson, who graduated from Prairie View in 1973, explained how during his college days there was no grass, no parking lots and how hard people fought generations before for the opportunities students enjoy today. The mayor then stressed the importance of keeping the campus beautiful.

He said, "I hope to motivate and inspire somebody even if it's just one person."

Students who attended the event like Brittany Terrell, a junior biology major said they enjoyed the program.

"I liked the program and it is always

good to obtain knowledge because knowledge is power," Terrell said.

Robert McMillian, a sophomore pre-med biology major, said he was eager to come because, "I have heard Mayor Jackson speak before and you have to know your past to go forward."

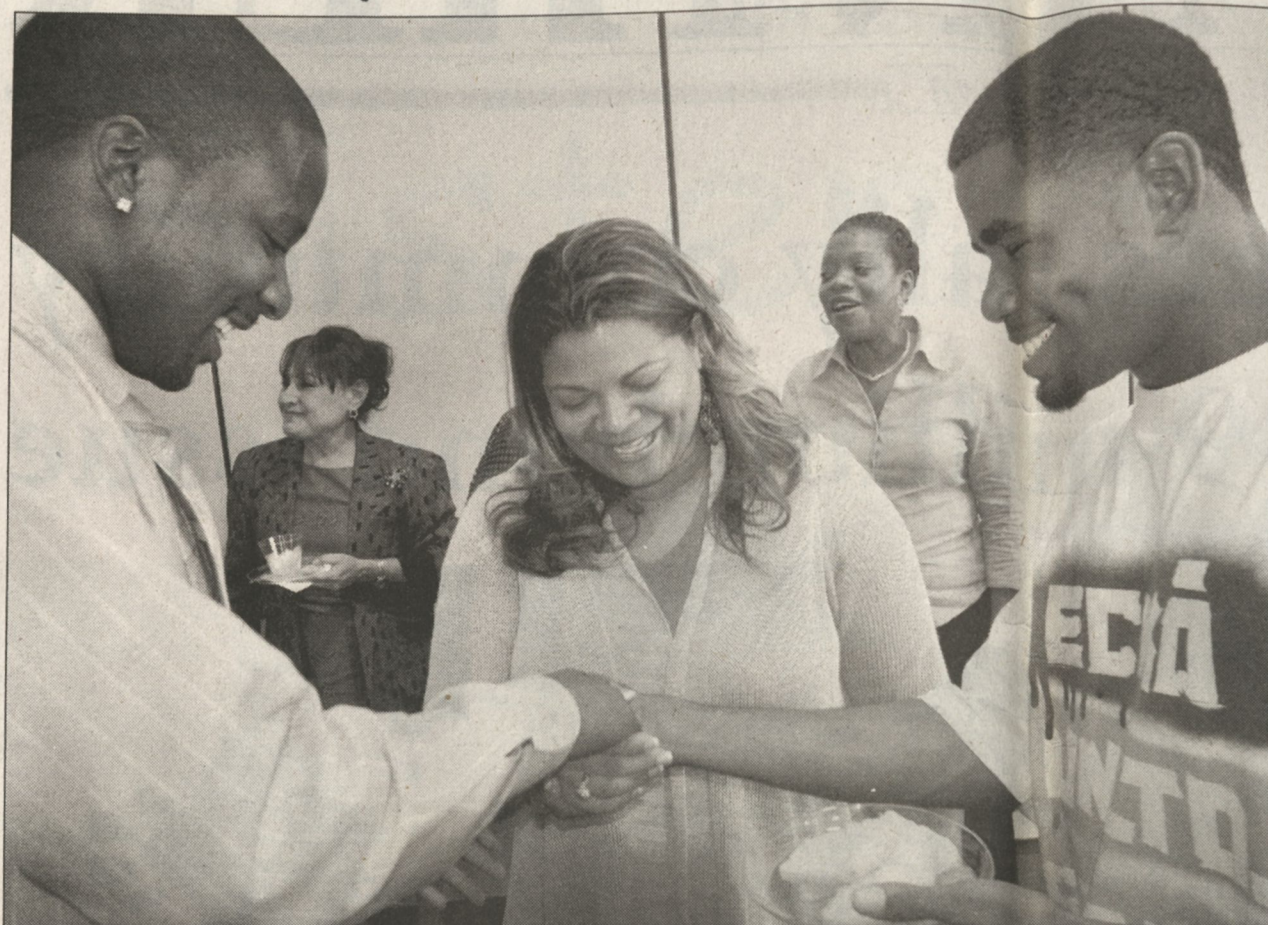
Miss Prairie View said she hosted the event for the student body as part of her platform.

She stated, "Hearing Mayor Jackson speak is enlightening. Freshmen especially should know the history of the university to instill pride. Lots of people who missed it, missed a treat."

Miss Prairie View said that this is not her last event. In keeping with her platform, she promised to work with Dr. Dennis Daniels, director of the Medical Academy, to host an event related to HIV/AIDS.

The event concluded with a closing prayer from Angel Porter, second attendant, Miss Prairie View A&M University Court, and the singing of the university's alma mater.

University bids farewell to Metoyer



By Evan White, The Panther

A producer of productive people: SGA president Andre Evans and Mark Williams II, Mr. PVAMU 2007-2008, shake hands with Tyra Metoyer during a farewell reception in the MSC.

By Shayna Walker
Panther Staff

The Office of Institutional Relations and Public Service held a reception Sept. 25 in honor of Tyra Metoyer, director of university relations. Alumni, staff and students gathered to show appreciation and recognize her accomplishments in public relations and marketing.

Responsible for media relations, publications, web site content and design, speeches and executive correspondence for the last three years, Metoyer has resigned from Prairie View A&M University to become director of communications for the Texas A&M University System.

"I feel like it was a great compliment that the chancellor invited me to represent Prairie View on a larger scale," said Metoyer.

"I also feel that I've made a difference while here at Prairie View, and now I hope I can go on to make a difference at the Texas A&M System."

Metoyer also stated, "It was

a very difficult decision for me to make," regarding the new position. "I am going to miss PV students the most."

Metoyer acknowledged that the transition from a profession where she is surrounded by students and able to build relationships with them, to a position where there are no students at all, will also affect her on a personal level.

"There are no students like our students anywhere in the world. They are some of the most talented and promising people I have ever met. I feel blessed to have met so many of them in my time here," Metoyer said.

Nicole Morris, a student who worked closely with Metoyer, stated, "Mentor is a word I could use to describe what Ms. Metoyer means to me. When I finish school I hope to pursue a career as a publicist like her and also venture into public relations."

"Ms. Metoyer's leaving will be very heart wrenching but at the same time I believe it's time for her to start a new chapter in her life," continued Morris.

Mayor Frank Jackson,

who also works in the Office of Institutional Relations, spoke about Metoyer and her work ethic.

"Ms. Metoyer, from day one here at Prairie View A&M University, hit the ground running. She is a true professional, who not only is well versed in her discipline, but engaged each initiative with a sense of vision, mission and compassion," said Jackson.

"Ms. Metoyer worked every echelon of the university and even went so far as to earn a masters degree in community development from Prairie View," continued Jackson.

"She came to love and respect us as we came to love and respect her. The compassion permeated her work. We will sincerely miss Tyra Metoyer."

In addition to memories, Metoyer had a few words of encouragement to leave behind.

"Students, you must strive for excellence and never let anyone get in the way of your dreams. Things may get hard, but those obstacles are just shaping you into the person you are going to become," she said.

Library celebrates Banned Books Week

By Ashley Slayton
News Editor

The Great Gatsby, *The Color Purple* and *Winnie-the-Pooh* are all books that make Radcliffe Publishing's top 100 list of novels banned in the 20th century.

Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 marks John B. Coleman Library's weeklong celebration of books that have been challenged as inappropriate reading due to sexual and social explicitness, troubling ideas about race relations and religious ideology.

Since 1982, the country has observed banned books the last week of September.

"This marks the second year that the John B. Coleman Library has celebrated Banned Book Week," said Kimberly Gay, a reference librarian and chair of the Special Events Task Force.

"As we celebrate Banned Book Week," said Gay, "Remember the importance of freedom of speech. The good, the bad or the indifference of it, remember its importance and read, read, read."

In honor of the celebration,

displays showcasing banned books will be exhibited in the front lobby of the library.

Students checking out these books will receive a free "I read banned books" button and a bookmark. They will also have an opportunity to write the name of the book they read on a banner located in the front lobby.

"I'm reading *Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston," said Cameo Marshall, a sophomore nursing major.

"I felt like it was important for me to exercise my basic freedoms. I believe all books that have been banned carry important messages and students should really get involved in this celebration of knowledge because so many people have been prohibited from doing something we take for granted today," said Marshall.

The week allows students to understand other's opinion and gives them exposure to historical concerns that led to the restriction of the books.

"There's a basic human instinct of curiosity there as well," said Gay. "Banned books help challenge our mind and make us more aware of our surroundings."

Texas A&M minority enrollment drive stalls

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas- A record number of black and Hispanic students applied and were accepted to Texas A&M University this fall, but their representation in the freshman class remained even with the previous two years.

Hispanics make up 14 percent and blacks 3 percent of the 8,078 freshmen enrolled this fall, according to the university's preliminary counts. That's the same as 2005 and 2006.

"We still face the challenge of convincing minority students who are admitted to actually enroll," interim President Eddie Davis said in a recent talk with faculty members.

The school has invested more than \$30 million in minority-recruitment programs, including scholarships for first-generation students and new recruitment centers in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and South Texas.

Of the minority students who were accepted this fall, 49 percent of Hispanic students and 43 percent of black students enrolled. That's a seven-point drop for both groups from two years ago.

"The real problem is that,

even with a larger number of applications and larger number of admits, the yield sank," said Alice Reinartz, Texas A&M's assistant provost for enrollment.

At the University of Texas at Austin, Hispanics make up 20 percent of the freshman class, up from 18 percent two years ago. Black students make up 6 percent, compared with 5 percent in 2005.

But A&M officials said their efforts are working. Two high schools in Laredo, where the newest recruitment center is located, are among the university's top three feeder schools for Hispanic freshmen.

To advance the drive for minority students, A&M plans a \$125 million fundraising campaign to finance scholarships.

Andrew Garza, a senior studying biomedical science, said the university needs to do more to make itself known to Hispanics.

"A lot of them are choosing to stay home, but we're getting some," said Garza, executive director of the school's Hispanic Presidents Council. "It's going to take time."

Sigma Tau Theta holds PR seminar

By Ashley Slayton
News Editor

Sigma Tau Theta Communications Fraternity Inc. held a seminar Sept. 25 to inform students about the field of public relations.

The seminar, titled "The PR of it All," featured guest speakers Bryce Hairston Kennard, the public relations specialist for the university, and Clarence Wolfe III, the official university Web master.

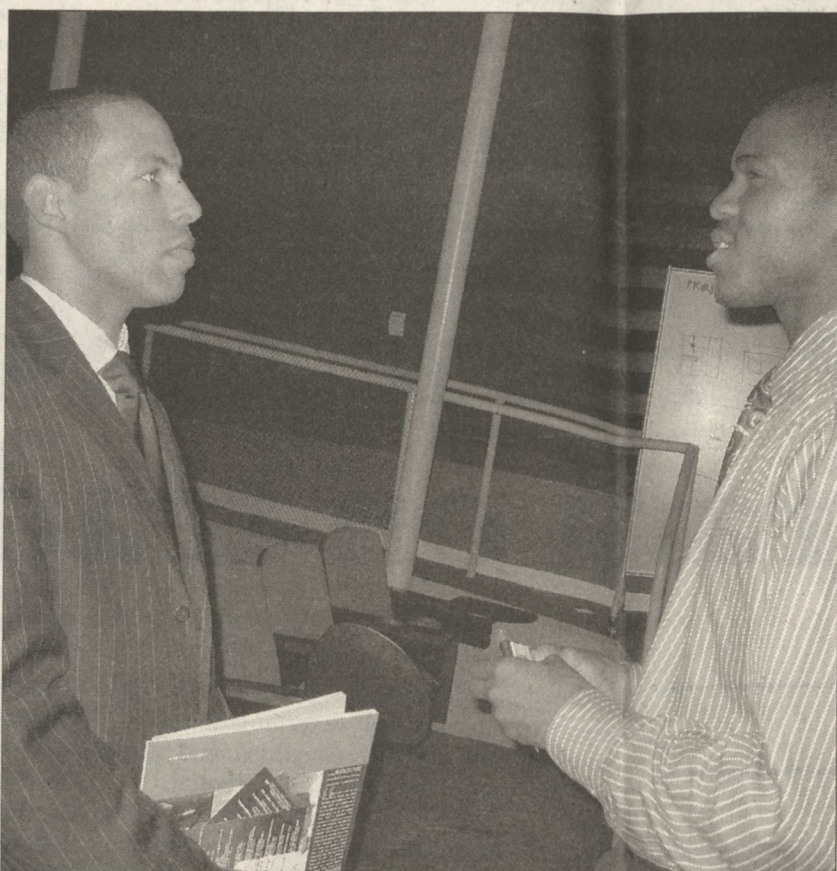
Alecea Rush, coordinator of the event, said, "We wanted to expose students to all the avenues that the field of public relations offers."

"It's important not only for communications majors to know about the breadth of the field but also for all students because other majors can also succeed in public relations positions," said Rush.

Kennard and Wolfe spoke to students about various positions available to them and explained that public relations specialists are employed at various companies, non-profit organizations, individuals and for many Web sites.

Sadia Coleman, a sophomore communications major said, "I attended because it was interesting to get a different perspective on this particular field which differs from the textbook version. It isn't the same as speaking with an experienced professional. Bryce Kennard was especially interesting."

Kennard has worked in both corporate public relations and



Courtesy of Jaryt Montgomery

All about the business: Student Jeremy Hicks (r) gets tips about public relations from Bryce Kennard (l) at the seminar.

non-profit as a specialist for the Red Cross and Coca-Cola.

Wolfe is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and worked on the university Web site as a student.

Wolfe started his own business after graduation and eventually returned to serve as university Web master.

"I learned a lot of strategies," said Coleman. "How to work

with other companies and how to compete as an efficient public relations expert. People don't know how broad the field is, there's so much you can do."

The event concluded with a question and answer session where students learned tips for breaking into the media industry and what qualities were necessary to achieve a good position.

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Bill Clinton joins Bono, Shakira, Alicia Keys for youth activism talk in NYC

By Christian Salazar
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP)- After getting hundreds of pledges to tackle the world's problems at his philanthropic summit this past week, former President Bill Clinton did what any good host would: He threw a party.

Music, celebrity and politics mixed Saturday night at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, where Clinton was joined by Bono, Chris Rock, Shakira and Alicia Keys for a roundtable discussion on youth activism.

"You have to be a citizen student, a giver," Clinton told the younger members of the audience as he announced the Clinton Global Initiative's first youth summit, called CGI U, planned for next year at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Like the three-day Clinton Global Initiative philanthropic summit this week, the college version aims to bring together attendees to tackle global issues like sustainable development and poverty.

The former president and other superstar panelists took questions from the audience before giving up the stage to performances by

hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean and soulful singer Keys.

Clinton got some laughs from the crowd when he told them he was fulfilling a lifelong ambition.

"You know, I grew up playing music, and all my life I've wanted to play the Apollo," he said.

At this week's event, participants including heads of state, celebrities and business executives made 245 pledges on efforts such as treating neglected tropical diseases, protecting forests and enabling children to go to school for the first time.

Many of the celebrities on hand Saturday night had already made promises this past week at the summit.

Shakira said she would commit \$40 million to help Peru and Nicaragua through ALAS, a coalition of artists and intellectuals committed to social change in Latin America.

MTV, which is partnering with the Clinton initiative on the youth activism summit, was to broadcast Saturday's event on several of its networks and online at its recently launched Think.MTV.com Web site.

Two years after Hurricane Rita, Cameron recovery in slow motion

By Doug Simpson
Associated Press Writer

CAMERON, La. (AP)- This Louisiana town may have dried out and cleaned up since getting flattened by Hurricane Rita, but its recovery is moving in slow motion: Nearly everyone still lives in temporary housing.

The post office operates out of a trailer. The town's only bank works out of a trailer. Darlene Dyson sells shrimp from a trailer, then picks up her 7-year-old son and takes him to their home, a trailer.

"It's not like it was before the storm, that's for sure," Dyson said.

Rita struck two years ago Monday as a Category 3 storm whose 120-mph wind and 9-foot storm surge ruined every structure in the southwestern Louisiana towns of Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach. It caused similar destruction in southeastern Texas.

About 100 died in Texas, including 23 senior citizens whose bus exploded during evacuations. The storm caused no fatalities in Louisiana, but plenty of property damage in Cameron and Vermilion parishes.

In all, there were \$5.8 billion in property insurance claims in Texas and Louisiana, according to a Texas insurance group.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco arrived Monday morning for the second anniversary observances, including a tour of new facilities where workers are trained for jobs in the energy and construction industries.

Those who have moved back, or plan to, have complaints similar to those of residents hit by Hurricane Katrina: the process of returning home is stymied by disputes with property insurers and paperwork from the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency.

Marvin Trahan, 46, is hoping his lawsuit against his insurer will be settled this year so he can move back. The storm destroyed his three-bedroom house. He now lives in Lake Charles but wants to build a smaller, replacement house on his property in Cameron.

Trahan said the pull of his hometown lies in its small-town peacefulness, plus its proximity to prime hunting and fishing areas.

"You can leave your door unlocked all night without worrying about somebody coming in," Trahan said. "It's just a great place to live."

Few elderly residents have returned, partly because Cameron still has no hospital. In emergencies, ambulances must drive to a medical center in Lake Charles. A rebuilt \$23 million hospital is set to open in Cameron this fall with 20 beds.

Anil Patel, owner of the Cameron Motel, said his business suffers from a lack of customers willing to pay \$69.99 per night for a room.

The motel had 96 rooms but the storm washed about half of them away. His clientele is normally made up of offshore workers, but the majority of his remaining 51 rooms usually sit vacant. Patel said he and his wife, who live in a trailer next to the motel, are struggling.

"I hope things pick up. But I don't know," he said.

One bright spot in the recovery is the Ice House Bar, which is thriving since it opened across the street from the courthouse early this year, in one of the few new buildings that isn't temporary. The tavern has pool tournaments every week, while patrons take to the dance floor when country and Cajun bands are playing.

"We needed a place like this," said Dyson, sipping a beer in the Ice House on a recent afternoon. "We needed a place to laugh."

WOMEN'S HEALTH Clearing up the Myths...

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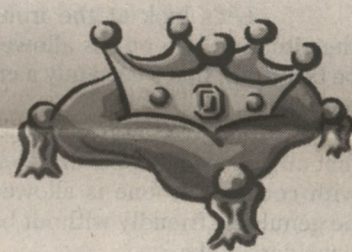
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Homecoming King & Queen's Ball

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Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

7:30 PM

Attire: Semi-formal evening wear

Student organizations, colleges, and departmental representatives can register on-line to participate in the King & Queen's Ball beginning Monday, October 1, 2007 @ <http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/798.asp>

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FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Enrichment: get involved on campus

Campus Activity Board, Student Government Association, *The Panther*, fraternities, and sororities are just a few of the organizations offered on campus to enrich students' college experience.

During matriculation on "The Hill," Prairie View is a student's home away from home; why not make the best of it? Eat in the MSC. Attend the events. Vote in the elections. Cheer at the football games. Dance at the Baby Dome parties. Students pay fees for the utilities on campus and should make good use of them.

Some students complain that Prairie View is not up to par with other universities. The reality is that this institution is comparable to many good ones. This campus is full

of talented and creative people ready to hit life after Prairie View with full speed ahead. Most of the students complaining are the ones who are watching instead of participating in making a change and improving the situation for the next event, person, or even generation.

Alumni around the nation are productive citizens of the United States because they wanted more out of life than returning to their hometowns after graduation. They used those creative abilities, which they fostered here on campus with campus and community involvement, to reach beyond the boundaries of Prairie View A & M University.

Being involved on campus adds "flare" to a resume. It sets a person apart from the others. Employers are seeking well-rounded individuals to add to their businesses. They want employees who can multi-

task, work with other people, and hold positions. They want responsible individuals who can do more than attend class and achieve a high GPA.

Community service helps participants feel good about themselves and the work they are doing for someone else.

People meet business partners for the future while being involved in various activities. Also, some can enhance skills they already possess such as rhetorical skills while being a part of the debate team.

Yet, students must maintain a balance. Too much involvement can harm one's personal life and health. Find a happy medium between campus involvement and self. The overall result is enrichment.

Envy: woman vs. woman

What is it about confidence that makes women want to hate?

Is it that there isn't enough to go around?

You've just stepped out of the beauty salon with a new do, nails manicured, feet pedicured, outfit fly, shoes fresh, smelling spectacular and walking like you know your own worth, when along comes one of those sisters with no self-esteem who wants to steal some of yours.

"She thinks she's cute," they'll mutter to their girlfriends.

A real woman, not an imposter, or a sister who compensates for self-esteem by pursuing material things would say, "Correction, I know I am. And don't you forget it either."

It isn't that her hair is freshly done, or that she's rocking the latest Kimora Lee Simmons creation. A real woman could say the same on a day when she's sporting sweats, a D.A.R.E. T-shirt, house

shoes and an Aunt Jemima wrap.

It isn't a question of the presence or absence of materialistic things determining the level of a person's self-esteem, but whether or not we live in a society where hateocracy flourishes.

We live in a society where cutting others down is the only opportunity for advancement because naturally, no one actually has their own confidence anymore. They just borrow it from others.

Let's look at the irony of the situation. No one is allowed to be beautiful; that's certainly a crime these days.

It's common knowledge that all beautiful people are reeking with conceit. No one is allowed to be genuinely friendly without being considered fake.

Intelligence is no longer prized. A beautiful, friendly, intelligent woman is viewed as a threat by her peers.

If a woman does all of the afore-mentioned things (pedicures and visits to the beauty salon), that is because she is simply treating herself, it does not make her superficial and materialistic. Women who've found satisfaction within themselves don't do these things out of necessity. They're already secure physically and emotionally. But every now and then real women need rewards too.

So she takes care of herself?! And your point is? Would you prefer if she walked around with dry heels and cracked feet, and chose never to comb her hair again? Or if she made herself a target for open criticism, how would that benefit her as a person? Wouldn't that just give a hater more ammunition?

So ladies, the next time you see a woman walking like she knows her own worth, do us all a favor and don't unjustly cut her down to your level simply because you haven't arrived at hers yet.

--Ashley Slayton

The slave mentality...today

The truth can be manipulated and sometimes confused with reality. If you had a choice to live according to either reality or the truth, on which side of the fence would you be most comfortable? The highest pursuit of knowledge is the quest for the truth.

"Willie Lynch" is a name that sounds familiar because Lynch initiated and instituted slavery. Lynch and his henchmen had a fool-proof, witchcraft like system that would steal the identities, self esteem, self image and self reliance of slaves for more than 300 years.

It sounds like a plan from the evil villain in a horror movie, in which the already wealthy Caucasian wants to take over the world. Lynch even introduced class systems within the slave community that consisted of house, yard, and field Negroes.

Slaves were tortured with three main mental influences: fear, distrust, and envy. Why is it that so many young black men are scared of success? Why can't we seem to trust one another as much as we should? Why is it that when you have something extremely nice the envious haters want to take it away from you? And why do we, as blacks, often call each other the same derogatory terms that were used to insult and belittle us 300 years ago? Could these subtle signs be the slave mentality?

Consciously or subconsciously, whether minute or extravagant, the perpetual characteristics

of the slave mentality churn in the depths of African American reality.

I overheard someone in the financial aid office demanding that they be reinstated but they turned the reinstatement application in late. I wonder if they thought just because Prairie View was an HBCU

"I wonder if they thought just because Prairie View was an HBCU they could turn in the application late and 'get the hookup?'"

they could turn in the application late and "get the hookup?" We have to do better, people.

So, what can we do as educated PVAMU students? We must succeed, count on each other, and we can, as a race, live together in harmony and own the glorious amenities of the world.

Everyone is born with three things, talent, gifts, and power. Your thinking process determines your success. Definitely not as easy as it sounds but some say, "Think rich, be rich." Whether good or bad, you have the potential to manifest and become your reality.

The socio economic triangle places the poor at the bottom, then the lower middle class, middle class, upper middle and the wealthy.

The triangle is topped by the wealthy and there is one thing they all have in common, somewhere in their lifetime, the unique trait of discipline was instilled in them.

You must have self discipline, wit, education, book and street knowledge to succeed in a world of lions, tigers, rats, and snakes. I haven't even mentioned maintaining your religious aspects.

Some contend that the official historical date of the institutionalization of slavery was in 1712. If you simply add 300 years to 1712 you end up with the year 2012.

The year 2007 is sometimes interpreted by African Americans as "The black man's year." This coincidentally leaves us with five years until the so called curse by Lynch ends. The number five representing the amount of years left is interpreted and defined in the Bible as God's grace, peace, protection and covering, so theoretically speaking we have five years to fix this problem. Second Timothy 1:7 states, "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and a sound mind."

Don't sell yourself short, fellow students.

We are here to succeed and work together while doing it.

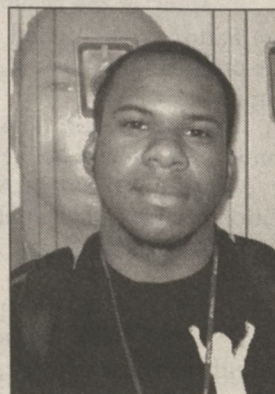
What we say, wear, do, and the entourage we hang with is a representation of ourselves, and no matter your race creed or color you should always want to represent positively.

--Desmond R. Taylor

PURPLE & GOLD ROLL

By Roderick Shavers
Panther Staff

What's your view on hip hop today?



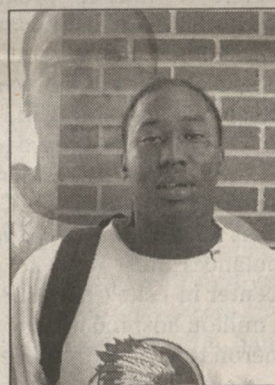
"People are letting hip hop define who they should be when, in fact, it should just be a facet of our lives."

Andrew Williams
Junior
Communications



"Since we live in a capitalistic society, most hip hop is commercialized, more intent on making money than sending out the right message."

Jasmine D. Parker
Junior
History



"Hip hop is a way of life, so the way you live determines what kind of music you produce."

Mark Anthony
Junior
Civil Engineering



"Today's form of hip hop portrays the ignorance that the rest of society portrays us as having. Hip hop used to be about the love of lyrics and rhyme, but today it's just about the love of personal possessions."

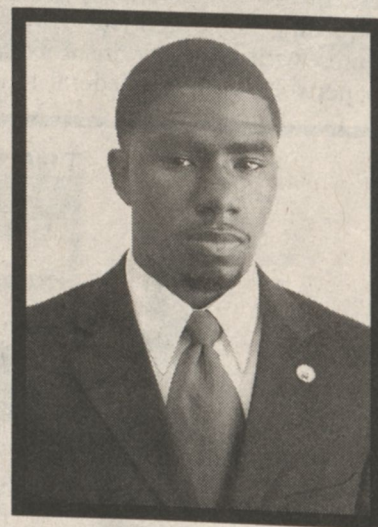
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SGA speaks out

There will be a town hall meeting on Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in the A.I. Thomas Building Auditorium.

The purpose of the town hall meeting is for the students to be able to identify and fellowship with the elected officials who represent them. The class officers, senators, and the executive cabinet will address the students to share platforms and ideologies as well as gain information from you to help them better serve you. Moreover there will be a panel of administrators who the students will be allowed to address in a question and answer period.

If you have any issues related to financial aid, campus police and safety, dining, residency (on or off-campus), academics, building hours of operation... Please come out and let us know how we can best serve you.



Andre Evans
SGA President

If you have any specific questions, please e-mail them to me at sgapres@pvamu.edu or bring them to the SGA Office 223 MSC.

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Panthers lose the scuffle against Grambling



By Evan White, The Panther

A Second Too Late: The Panther defense is a bit late on the tackle of the Grambling Tiger.

By Whitney Harris
Panther Staff

The Cotton Bowl Stadium was filled Saturday, Sept. 29 when Prairie View A&M football met the Grambling State Tigers (3-1, 3-0) for the annual State Fair Classic. It was a great game for both teams, but in the end Grambling came out with the win, 17-14. Over 50,000 fans from around the world came to watch the SWAC showdown and to pay respects to the late great Eddie Robinson.

A pre-game tribute was given to the former Grambling coach that involved the United States Navy, Dallas Police Force, and the Grambling State band. Special recognition was also given to Coach Robinson's widow.

"I think it was very nice, Coach Robinson was important. He set the ground for black coaches in college football and opened doors for a lot of young black men," said junior cornerback Jason Fobbs.

Both teams fought hard during the game, allowing neither a point advantage throughout most of the first half. It wasn't until the final seconds of the second quarter that Grambling was able to gain a touchdown after many tries against Prairie View's strong defense.

Each band lived up to its reputation as they battled during the game in the stands with new songs and dance moves. During halftime, an unbelievable show was given, ending with The Marching Storm playing Rhianna's hit single "Umbrella" while they danced with bright yellow umbrellas on the field.

Grambling came into the second half leading 7-0 and eventually scored from a 41 yard touchdown pass during the third quarter. The Panthers rallied in the fourth quarter and gained two touchdowns almost simultaneously to bring the game to a 14 point tie. The first touchdown was from a 38 yard touchdown pass from senior Mark Spivey to Houston native Shawn Stephens. Less than a minute later, junior linebacker Gary Hicks ran a 24-yard interception return for the second.

"I was amazed once PV scored those two touchdowns," said sophomore Avanti Reed. "I thought man, we might actually win this."

Tension grew as both teams desperately tried to score another touchdown to win the game. Prairie View's (2-2, 1-2) task was much greater, as they tried to break the 21 year losing streak against Grambling State. With a little more than a minute left the Tigers had failed to score a third touchdown resulting in a successful 19-yard field goal.

"There was no negativity on the sideline. We were actually excited because defense stopped them from getting into the endzone," Fobbs said. "Even though they made the field goal we still felt like we had enough momentum to score."

Racing the clock, the Panthers tried to make it down the field to the endzone for another score, but were unsuccessful against the Tigers' defense. Spivey went 16-of-24 for 157 yards and one touchdown pass. Senior Zach East led defense with 18 total tackles and Port Arthur native Renaldo Revuelta added nine.

Soccer continues to show progress

By Tameika Gorden
Panther Staff

The fans were screaming, the cheerleaders in formation, but the Lady Panthers were still defeated 5-1 by the University of Central Arkansas Lady Bears, Wednesday, Sept. 26.

There were 77 people in attendance to see our Ladies beat up on the Bears but they were proven wrong when UCA's Kayla Wolff scored the third goal for the Bears 30 minutes into the game. Prairie View's Melissa Aguayo saved 12 goal attempts, but that was not enough to turn the game around.

Jessica Palomarrs made the first and last goal attempt for Prairie View, giving spectators chills as they watched how gracefully she maneuvered the ball into the goalie's comfort zone.

At one point in the game Brenda Castillo was knocked to the ground by what some fans complained was unruly conduct. However, the referee did not make

a call and Castillo, assisted by the trainers, was able to get back on the field.

The next game for the Lady Panthers was against division rival Southern University, Sept. 28. Nineteen seconds into the second half, Angelica Diaz assisted Kaleena Marshall on the goal that broke the scoreless tie. Late in the second half, Southern caught Prairie View dozing off and capitalized, tying the game at 1-1.

The game went into two overtimes that left Prairie View the victor from the game-winning goal from Monica Diaz. The final score was 2-1.

The last game of the weekend for the Lady Panthers was against conference foe Jackson State. The Ladies tried hard, but failed, losing 1-5. The long goal for Prairie View came from Angelica Diaz, who was assisted by Mayra Castillo.

The Lady Panthers still remain tough as their conference record took a loss. Their next home game will be Oct. 6 against Belhaven College, and Oct. 9 against Bacone College at 4 p.m.

Volleyball on 6-game winning streak

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M volleyball team continued their strong and vicious play in the early SWAC season by sweeping Southern in three sets with scores of 30-20, 30-21, and 30-23.

The win moved the Lady Panthers (10-9) to 4-0 in SWAC play while dropping the Lady Jaguars to 1-1 in the SWAC and 7-8 overall.

Tamika Newman led the team with 12 kills and two service aces while Shannon Harrison had 15 digs and 11 kills.

After winning the first set, the Lady Panthers slowly began to separate from Southern as the second set developed though the Lady Jaguars made an occasional charge. Ahead 17-12, the Jaguars fought to make the set more interesting, pulling to 18-16. The Lady Panthers kept their resolve and forged a 10-4 run to extend their lead to 28-20 and put a strangle-

hold on the set.

In the third set, defensive specialist Michelle Cole helped foil any chances of turning the match around. Ahead 1-0 in the third set, Cole made a spectacular diving play to save a ball from hitting the court and the Lady Panthers won the point to increase their lead to 2-0.

"I wasn't really thinking, I just went for it," said Cole, the junior transfer from Alvin Community College. "That's what they teach us to do, said Cole."

Though Southern cut their early third set deficit from 10-2 to 11-9 and kept the pressure on Prairie View, the Lady Panthers kept them at arms-length and held off any surge the Lady Jaguars tried to mount.

"Everyone came out playing aggressively," said head coach Alicia Pete. "It was a great effort."

Prairie View will look to extend their six-game winning streak when they play their next match Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Baby Dome against Paul Quinn College.

CC team cuts time

By James Motton
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M Panthers participated in the 2007 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Islander Splash Cross Country meet Sept. 28 at West Guth Park in Corpus Christi.

Teams attending the Invitational were Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Texas-Pan American, University of Houston, Sam Houston, Rice, Central Arkansas, Houston

Baptist, Concordia Lutheran, and other notable schools.

The Prairie View men competed in the eight kilometer run and won fifth place.

The average time for the Panthers was 28:45.40. Prairie View was represented well as they had an impressive 12 runners who placed in the event.

Senior Alonzo Thomas finished first out of all the Prairie View men runners.

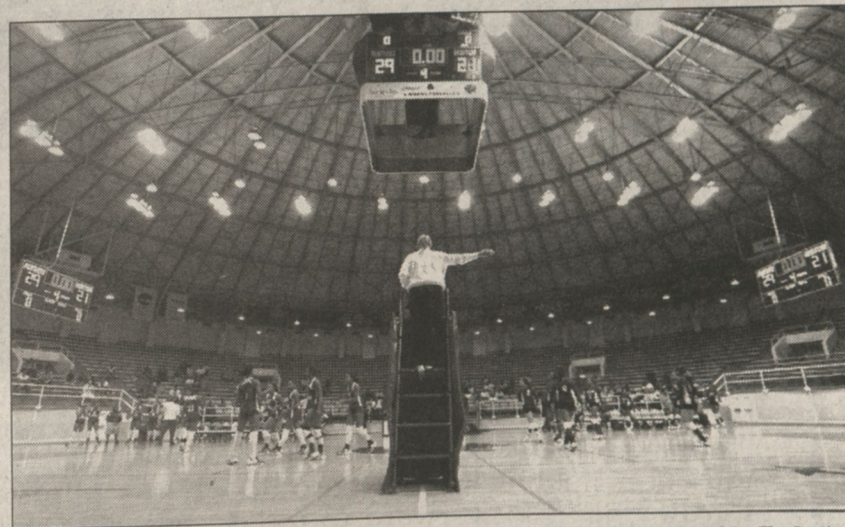
The Prairie View women competed in the five kilometer

run and finished eleventh in the event.

The average time for the team was 21:48.20 and they were represented with six runners who placed in the meet. Junior Viktoria Manuel finished first for the Lady Panthers.

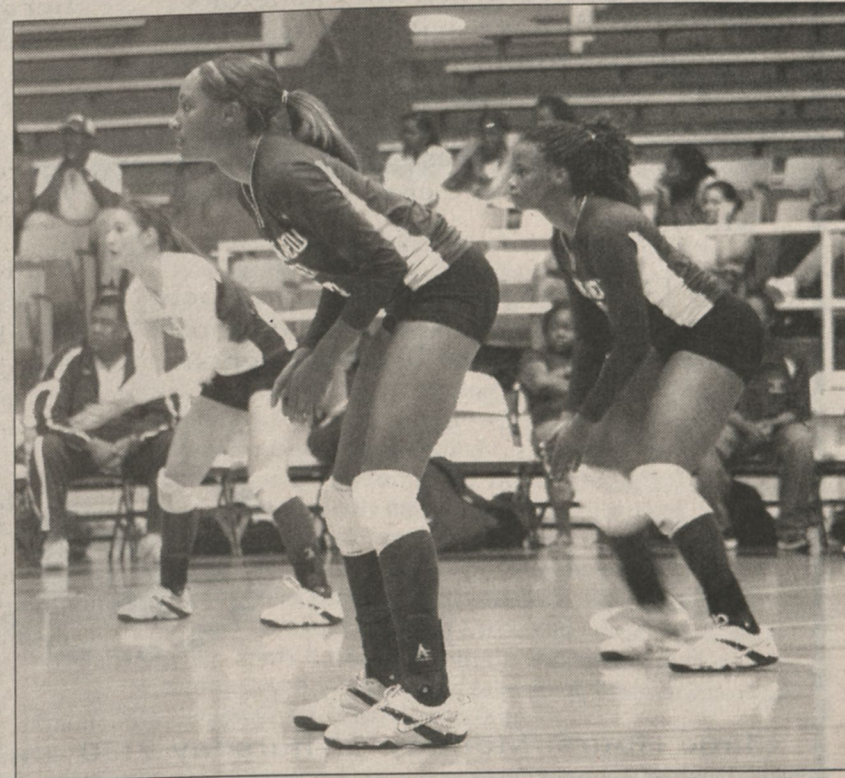
Continue to keep a close eye on the Prairie View A&M cross country team, as they continue to improve.

Their next meet will be Oct. 6 at the Incarnate Word Invitational.



By Evan White, The Panther

Point for Prairie View: The Lady Panthers dominate SWAC opponent Southern; their undefeated SWAC record is 4-0.



By Richard White, The Panther

We Ready: Lady Panther defense is ready for any attack.

University College sports soar

By Richard White
Sports Editor

The University College sports programs are deep into the volleyball and football season.

This year, the volleyball program was headed by the LCC of building 35, Leona Aaron. Their season consisted of tense and heavily competitive match-ups between the ladies of each building in UC. In the end, building 44 will take on 40 for the championship Oct. 9, in the New Gym at 7 p.m.

The football league continued play Oct. 1, and will resume Oct. 4 behind the Hobart Taylor building. Competititon has been heavy for the football league also.

Match-ups will include buildings 40 vs. 44 at 5 p.m., 43 vs. 45 at 6 p.m., 35 vs. 41 at 7 p.m., and 36 vs. the loser of 43 vs. 45 at 8 p.m.

DJ Dr. Phil, the UC pageant contestants, UC Cheerleaders, and UC Dance team will all make an appearance for the day of the games.

While speaking to the University College Director of

Life, Shandon Neal says "Our UC sports program is an opportunity for residents to build camaraderie and bond relationships that will last long beyond their time as students of Prairie View."

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That SpaceBook messed me up again!

Are our collegiate relationships being flushed down the drain by Facebook and MySpace?

By Aida Fall
Panther Staff

As if having to deal with the everyday complications of a relationship isn't enough, young adults now have networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace to thank for the additional problems in their relationships. Of course no one is likely to admit that Facebook is the cause for the late night arguments, frustrated weekend interrogations and ultimately the cause for their break up. But the truth is: we have all been there.

Most of us have gone to our significant other's page upset, wondering who sent that private

gift, wrote that flirtatious picture comment, or that mountain of wall comments.

Of course, you try to calm down before attacking your partner with a million questions. But before you do, you do a wall-to-wall search, and full profile check to make sure you have enough legit information. This way, you do not look like an overreacting psychopath.

Problem is, after doing all of your investigative work, you confront your partner with the information and the reply is simply: "I cannot control what other people write or do on the Internet."

This is true; they cannot control the stalker-like wall comments, the obscene picture comments or the list of other

frustrating things people feel the urge to do on the Internet. However, what they can control is the relationship they have with the other person. Ultimately, it is their responsibility to explain to the person that they are in a relationship.

Of course, there will always be a handful of ignorant people who couldn't care less that you are in a relationship. With those individuals, the only thing to do is to erase the comment, wall post, or gift. Sounds simple right?

Wrong. Facebook is the new way of communication. We have all told someone: "Facebook me." It has become addictive for others, and entertaining for the rest.

The harm comes when

people take things further than they should. Single networkers, if you know or even think someone is in a relationship, despite what their status may say, leave them alone. Ignore the lies and continue on with your life. Attached individuals should avoid the entire situation. Refrain from poking and messaging back. Despite what you might have in mind, you cannot control the thoughts of other individuals.

Can networking sites really ruin one's relationship or are we giving the Internet a bit too much credit? Jonathan Lee, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, said, "Facebook can stir up trouble in a relationship, only if the couple doesn't have

clear lines of communication."

Unhealthy relationships have no chance in the world of electronics. Sophomore Lacy Artis agreed by saying, "I've had relationship trouble due to MySpace, but after talking about it with my boyfriend, things were clear, and it wasn't anything serious to begin with."

The bottom line is: networking sites are great ways to keep in contact with people. They save you daytime minutes, text messages, and unwanted in-person conversations. Although they have caused ruckus and drama in some relationships, they have put an end to others that were way overdue. One thing is for sure, if someone can come and ruin your relationship via the Internet, it was not a happy relationship to begin with.

Get to Know...

DR. D. NICOLE KOCH



Dr. Koch and her family



Dr. Koch with Dr. Nobles of the Women's Center of Brenham Clinic

Ever since fifth grade, D. Nicole Hawkins KNEW she wanted to be a doctor. And not just any doctor; a baby doctor. "I remember watching a television show and a doctor was there to help out with the birth of a baby," Dr. Koch recalled. "And I thought, 'Wow. What a cool job. That's what I'm going to do when I grow up!'" Fast forward to today, and meet D. Nicole Koch, D.O.

Dr. Koch grew up not far from Brenham, graduating from Waller High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry, from Prairie View A&M University. From there, it was on to Michigan State University for Medical School and then Residency at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing, Michigan.

As a Doctor of Osteopathy, Dr. Koch is an OB/Gyn first, but takes a more holistic approach to her treatments.

"Osteopathy is part of who I am, but it's also a large part of our training as doctors. Osteopathy is a path I take to address health issues as a whole and not just focus on symptoms, but find out the root of the problem and deal with that medically."

Before Medical School, Dr. Koch taught science to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. "I enjoyed the kids and teaching was very rewarding." Teaching stayed with Dr. Koch; during her residency, she served as a clinical instructor to the medical students who followed her. Dr. Koch has been married to her husband, Mitch, for 15 years. They have three children and he is preparing to attend dental school in the future.

Dr. Koch's hobbies include anything that can get her "to any place that has a beach!" she said. "I love to snorkel, scuba dive, and sit on the beach and read."

After a short time off following her residency Dr. Koch joined the medical staff at Brenham Clinic. "I really feel as though I've come full circle," she remarked about working in Brenham. "I definitely wanted to come back to Texas to work, so the opportunity to join Brenham Clinic was a great fit."

Dr. Koch has begun seeing patients in the Women's Center at Brenham Clinic, working alongside Dr. Nobles. "I can't tell you how refreshing it is to work with someone with as much enthusiasm as Dr. Koch," stated Dr. Nobles. "She loves medicine and shares in our philosophy of care here at Brenham Clinic."

Appointments can be made by calling the Women's Center at 979-830-0536.

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HALO 3

Third time's a charm

By Tameika Gordan
Panther Staff

The saga continued with the release of the new action packed thriller Halo 3 on Tues, Sept. 25. As early as Sunday evening, eager game seekers had been camping outside of their selected game stores to purchase this new edition of the militant trilogy for a whopping \$69.99.

Halo is a science fiction video game created by Bungie Studios. The release of this trilogy continues previous expeditions of Master Chief, a human super-soldier equipped with technologically advanced battle armor, who is in a futuristic universe that battles against the alien covenant. This third edition is a first person shooter game. Microsoft had over 1,000,000 pre-orders.

The release of this game was one of the most anticipated. The heightened focus of militant style violence is geared towards teenagers and college students.

The game continues to amaze gamers with realistic effects. More battle scenes mean greater experiences for the gamers. The new Halo brings in some improved visual effects that will give all Xbox 360 users a tremendous thrill and explosive weaponry.

Since the beginning in 2001, this Halo experience has expanded into other games, five novels, several graphic novels and action figures. The extent of the successful Halo franchise has been compared to another movie, Star Wars, about human alien interactions.

Recently, some buyers have complained that their discs were scratched, and Microsoft will be exchanging these faulty discs from now until New Year's Day.

However, some people dreaded the release of this game. Many companies and even schools reported high numbers of absences with previous Halo releases.

This game is more than just a purchase for some it will be the epitome of experiences this year unless a Halo 4 is released.

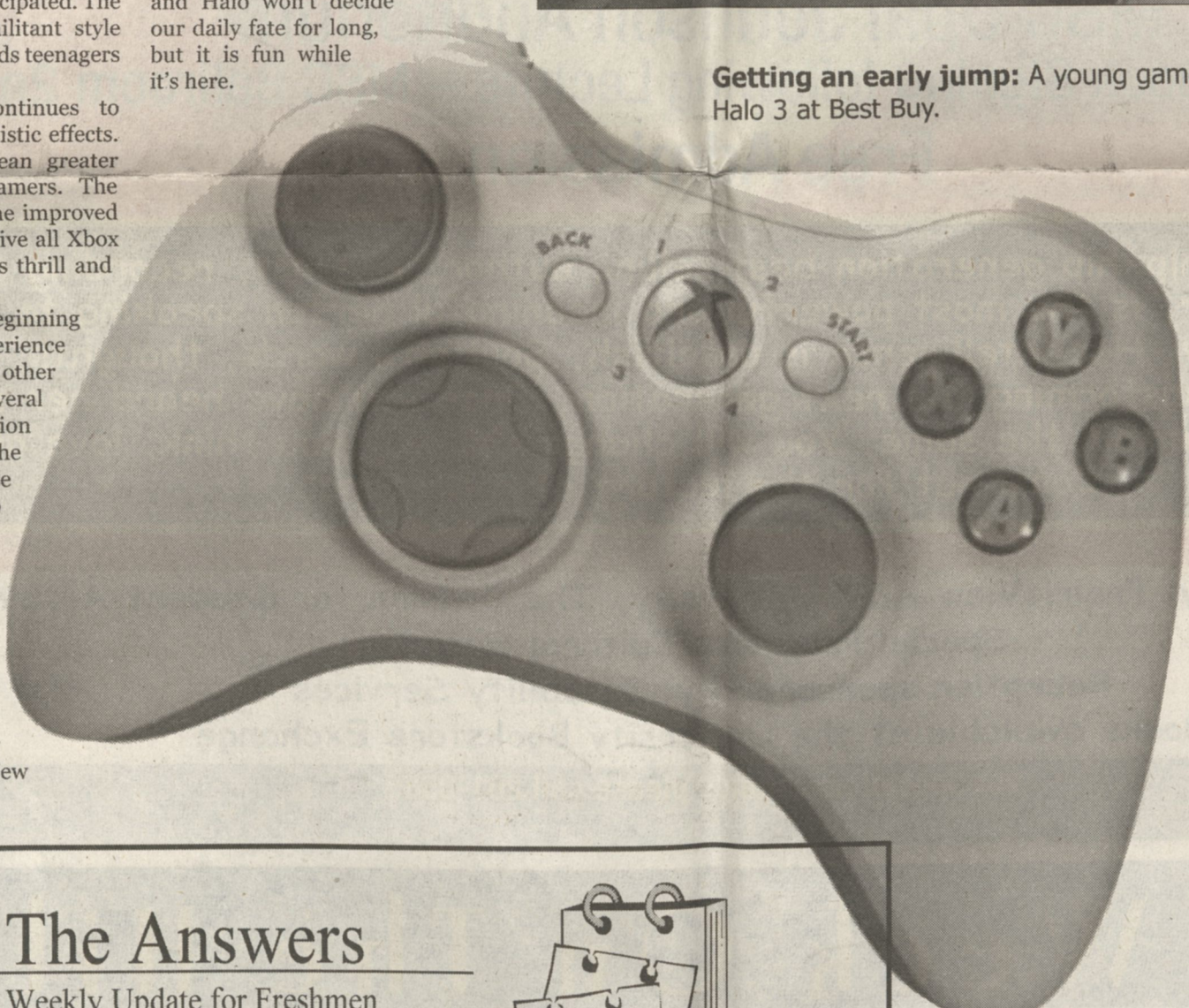
On Tuesday, the company announced that by its estimates, first-day sales of Halo 3 totaled \$170 million in the US alone, \$45 million more than Halo 2's 2004 debut. Whether or not any students are ditching class to flee to their ever so loving Xbox, this game proves to be the hottest thing on the shelves. If it's in the consul or not, Halo 3 has some avid gamers buzzing about it. Senior business major Asif Halam says, "I bought the game online some weeks ago, but I haven't found time to play it."

We shall see what holds the future for our future leaders of the world here at Prairie View. Madden and Halo won't decide our daily fate for long, but it is fun while it's here.



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Getting an early jump: A young gamer takes a stab at the demo version of Halo 3 at Best Buy.



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The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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On September 25, 2007 University College kicked-off the 2007 freshman community collaboration with the Center for Academic Support (CAS). Ms. Tata Kromah and student tutors Joshua Colby and Keiva Tyson met with the students of BLDG #43. They discussed the services available from the CAS, answered questions and distributed tutoring schedules. The CAS will visit BLDG #45 next.

Dr. Paula Moore and Dr. Kevin Wilson, from the Department of Psychology and Faculty Fellows for BLDGs #45 and #48 presented "Surviving College, Succeeding in the Game of Higher Education," on October 2, 2007 in the UC Theater.



1. Why was every color of the rainbow represented at the Cotton Bowl?
2. Did everybody get their hair done by the same person?
3. Who would have thought that the Black Foxes would actually pick the school colors for the first time?
4. Was it a real surprise that the football team lost but the band won?
5. Where did the band hide those umbrellas?
6. Is anybody excited about Sigma week coming up?
7. Who is the Sigma who is still messing with his ex so everybody will think that he is straight?
8. Who is the freshman girl who everybody calls "KICKAPOO?"
9. Who doesn't find that excruciatingly funny?
10. Do you remember how to use context clues?
11. Why were only big girls in the foam at the foam party?
12. Who knew Top Dawg liked 'em thick like that?
13. Who is suing the APHLAS?
14. Is this becoming a bigger problem than it should be?
15. Don't you know if you're going to blast someone you should yuze tha spell checker?
16. Who thinks Knocked Up should be viewed in the UC movie theater?
17. Think it will help with the ever-rising problem?
18. Who thinks of elaborate lies?
19. Does it take much brainpower to fuel such devious thoughts?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

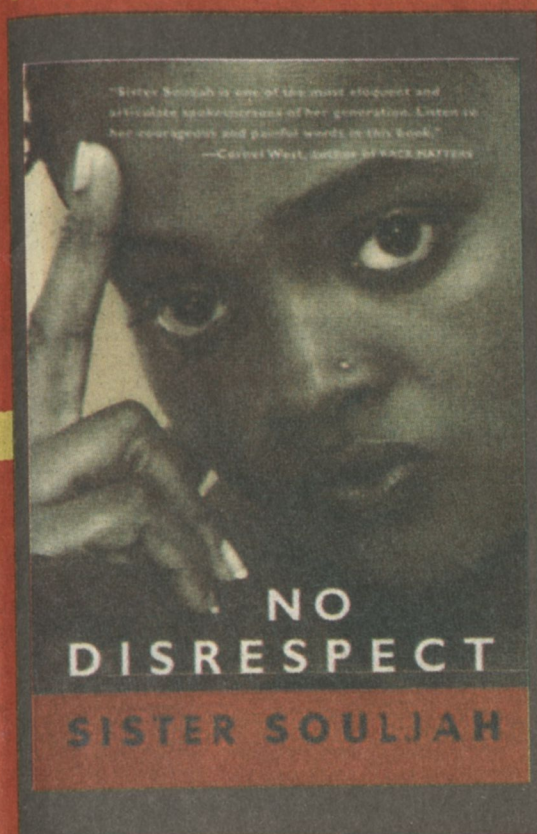
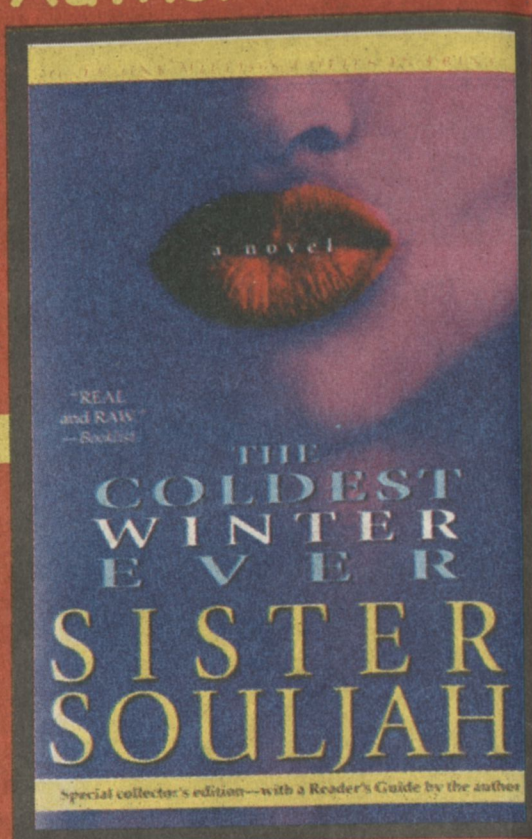
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Multicultural Affairs
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Dancers, MSC Foyer

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Panther Doll Tryouts, Gym

Multicultural Affairs
Celebration of Hispanic
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Student Center Ballroom

Multicultural Affairs
Hispanic Heritage Ballet
Folkloric Dancers, Student
Center Foyer

Saturday, Oct. 06, 2007

Zeta Phi Beta-
CampusWalk
Walk for a Z-Hope Cause,
Campus Walk

Sunday, Oct. 07, 2007

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Dean Lewter
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Choir Room

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Women's Leadership
Council

Women's Health &
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